

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has indicated that claims 4 and 5 are allowable and claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten. Applicants have rewritten claim 3 by amending claim 1 to a method of forming a hydrogel thereby including all of the limitations of previous claims 1 and 3. Claim 2 has also been amended to a method of forming a hydrogel thereby including all of the limitations of previous claims 1-3.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the Amendments and Remarks above, applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

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